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Title ELECTROACTIVE POLYMER, DEVICE MADE THEREFROM AND METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed on June 21, 2006, in connection with the above-identified U.S. Patent Application. As the one-month period for response expires on July 21, 2006, this response is timely filed.

REMARKS

The Office Action states that the present application contains four distinct inventions, and requires restriction to one of the following Groups:

Group I	Claims 1-21
Group II	Claims 22-26
Group III	Claims 27-28
Group IV	Claims 29-49

The Office action also states that claims 1, 15, 22, 27, 29 and 45 are generic to the 2-(7-benzothiazolyl)-9,9-disubstituted fluorene species and requires an election of a single ultimate disclosed species.

Applicant elects Group IV, claims 29-49, without traverse, and 2-bromo-7-benzothiazolyl-9,9'-diethylfluorene as the single ultimate disclosed species. As noted above, claim 29 is generic to the species.

Respectfully submitted,

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